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Applicants : BRADSHAW, S. et al.
Serial No. : 09/729,043 Art Unit: 1636
Filed : December 4, 2000 Examiner: QIAN, C.
For : A NEW YEAST-BACTERIA SHUTTLE VECTOR

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on August 12, 2003. Applicants have petitioned herewith, and paid the appropriate fee, for a two month extension of time, extending the time to respond to the Final Office Action up to, and including, January 12, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.